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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Pierre BERNARD et al.

Group Art Unit: 2155

Application No.: 10/046,481

Examiner: S. ISMAIL

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Docket No.: 111172

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COLLABORATIVE DOCUMENT VERSIONING
OF NETWORKED DOCUMENTS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Claim 1-17 are pending. In reply to the January 19, 2006 Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Office Action alleges that the feature of claim 1 reciting "said document representation storage further storing a predetermined number of most recently changed versions of documents irrespective of said document change monitoring element's and user's indication of significance," contradicts other unidentified features in claim 1. However, this feature does not contradict any other feature of claim 1. In particular, as discussed during the October 14, 2005 personal interview, and clearly disclosed on at least page 9, line 29 - page 10, line 11, of Applicants' Specification, in addition to storing "a predetermined number of